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NOTE TO SUPERVISOR:

Please rehearse carefully before presentation and make any changes deemed desirable.....GLD

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TIME: SEVEN MINUTES

BAND MUSIC: "Stars and Stripes Forever".....up 15 seconds.....fade for.....

ANNOUNCER: In just a moment we bring you a program on the Farm Security Administration.

BAND MUSIC: Up 15 seconds.....fade for.....

ANNOUNCER: Ladies and gentlemen, at this time we present Mr. \_\_\_\_\_,  
County Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, who will talk  
to you briefly about the work of the agency he represents.....  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_.

FSA: At the beginning, let me say that my remarks today will concern  
something that belongs to you as community leaders, and something  
that belongs to me as a part of this community. I want to talk  
about your Farm Security Administration, which is part of your  
local government; and I want to talk about my responsibility to  
you and to your neighbors.

The Farm Security Administration does belong to you -- it belongs  
to this community. It is here to perform a service. In that  
respect it is just like the post office, the school system, the  
county extension service, the soil conservation service, and many  
other organizations which are essentially important parts of a

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practical democracy. The actual working mechanisms that make these things operate are local. They depend upon, and serve, local people; and local people have the main "say-so" as to what each organization does and how it does it.

I'm known as the county supervisor of Farm Security here, just as \_\_\_\_\_ is known as the county extension agent, and as \_\_\_\_\_ is known as the postmaster. It's my duty to make the service of Farm Security as helpful as possible to as many people as possible, and I am accountable on a local basis to a committee made up of well established farmers of this county. These men are: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

The Farm Security service is made available to the thousands of counties in the United States by our Congress. That's the way this great democracy works -- the only way it can work. A majority of the people elect Senators and representatives, and they, adhering to the majority rule, make the laws, establish the machinery of government, and see that the laws and the government machinery serve the people as a whole.

State governments bring the working machinery down a little closer to the people, and county and local governments bring that machinery on down here to where you and I live.

Congress has been careful in setting up Farm Security machinery, and there's a definite job for it to do. You and I are not particularly concerned with what that job is in some county in Florida, Maine, Missouri, California, or in some other community. We are concerned,

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though, in what Farm Security is supposed to accomplish right here. Essentially, however, I might say the needs of the people in those other places are about the same as they are here, in a broad way. But Congress has set this machinery up so it can and does work here in this community; and it is done in such a way that whatever service it renders to this community depends entirely on what this community and the people here do to make use of it.

Just as background, let me say that Congress has made available this year \$67,500,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation money for family-type farm families to borrow in order to carry on well planned farming operations. This money is to be paid back to the government. It is money needed by farm families who could not borrow from other lending sources.

Congress also made available this year another \$50,000,000 for family-type farm families to use in connection with buying their own farm homes. This money, also, is to be repaid to the government -- and like the sixty-seven and a half million dollars for farm operation money, it is going to folks who are worthy but who could not get adequate loans from other sources of credit.

Half of the farm ownership loan money -- or twenty-five million dollars -- is earmarked for the use of returning veterans who need it to get started toward farm ownership. This, by the way, is separate from GI guaranteed loans under the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights legislation.

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To give you an idea as to how this county and community has benefited from the Farm Security program of supervised credit, I would like to tell you that \_\_\_\_\_ families here in \_\_\_\_\_ county have had financial aid and assistance from Farm Security in some way. Loans have been made to them for seed, feed, fertilizer, livestock, equipment, and funds have been advanced so \_\_\_\_\_ families could purchase farms. In all, since the inception of the program about ten years ago \$ \_\_\_\_\_ have been advanced to farm families of this county, and the majority of it has been spent with local business and professional men. At the present time, we have \_\_\_\_\_ active standard Farm Security borrowers in the county and \_\_\_\_\_ farm ownership borrowers. Naturally because of the favorable economic conditions that have existed during the past few years, you would expect many of the families to whom we have rendered assistance to pay up their loans. This they have done in an orderly fashion.

Among the active rehabilitation borrowers \_\_\_\_\_ per cent will be current with their 1945 obligations when all payments are in. At the close of 1945 they were to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and have already paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_. In the Farm Ownership program there were \_\_\_\_\_ borrowers who were to pay last year. The total amount due was \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount they have paid is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Includ extra payments in total.)

As long as there is need for better equipment and housing, better livestock, better poultry facilities, better use of water, better kitchen and home equipment, and better and greater quantities of all things that contribute to food production and betterment of living

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and health conditions, and as long as there are farm families not able to go to their banks and borrow the funds necessary and adequate to bring these better farm conditions about, there is need for Farm Security service and funds in the county.

And as long as there are farm families who need encouragement and help in planning the use of their credit -- and need help in planning farm operations, in feeding practices, marketing questions, health and sanitation improvement, in livestock improvement and in any other phase of farm living for which they've had to borrow money -- there is need for Farm Security credit supervision.

I want to say now that I'm proud of the way Farm Security borrowers have made the best use of this supervised credit. They are making wonderful progress. It isn't all to be measured in wealth and increased worldly goods. They have learned that their honesty, their ability and willingness to work, their deserved confidence in themselves, their ability to improve themselves, have been accepted as assets against which they can borrow money from their own government. This very circumstance or combination of circumstances has built up their self-confidence. They are better citizens and better neighbors.

Thank you.

BAND MUSIC: Up 15 seconds.....to close.....

ANNOUNCER: You have just heard a short talk by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, County Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, on the work of Farm Security in this county. This was a public service feature by Station \_\_\_\_\_.

